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DURHAM, N.H. - The University of New Hampshire Writers Series welcomes Pulitzer Prize nominee Ted Conover who will read from his award-winning book, "Newjack: Guarding Sing Sing" Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008.

The event takes place at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building, Theatre II. It is free and open to the public.

Conover's chronicle of his 10-month stint as a corrections officer at New York's maximum security prison Sing Sing -- undertaken without the knowledge of prison authorities -- earned a Pulitzer Prize nomination and a National Book Critics Circle Award.

"I wanted to hear the voices one truly never hears, the voices of guards -- those on the front lines of our prison policies, the society's proxies," Conover says.

In his book, Conover shares intimate stories of life at Sing Sing, how the job affected his family life, how he changed the day a prisoner attacked him, how people can grow even in a "soul-shrinking" job, and how two unusual prisoners forever changed his view of humanity.

The Los Angeles Times calls his book "a graphic and troubling window into society's scrapheap. Conover is to be commended for having the chops to venture where few others would dare go."

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